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UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

PELLAGRA.

CALIFORNIA.

Surgeon Blue reports, November 27:

Two well-defined cases of pellagra have been found among the inmates of the Alameda County Infirmary at San Leandro, Cal. Investigation of the Relief Home in San Francisco for pellagra did not reveal the disease in positive form among the 1,300 people therein.

The cases examined in the Alameda Infirmary presented characteristic lesions. One of these, an Irishman by birth, was stricken 30 years ago. He was a resident of this State at the time. The other patient, a Cape de Verde islander, has resided in California for 25 years, but can not give an accurate account of himself.

Surgeon Brooks reports, November 30:

The medical superintendent of the Southern California State Hospital has informed me that there have been but 2 cases of pellagra, diagnosed as such, which have come under his observation; both of these were in the hospital and both were females. Of the 2 cases, 1 was born in Iowa and the other was Canadian by birth, but had lived in the Middle States. Both were housewives. One of these cases proved rapidly fatal. The other is now convalescing.

Plague-prevention work in California.

Surgeon Blue reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: Trapped, October 23, 1908.

Week ended November 27.

Premises inspected.....	185
Houses destroyed.....	3
Buildings condemned.....	7
Nuisances abated.....	38
Poisons placed.....	5,730
Rats trapped.....	1,743
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1,340
Mus rattus.....	61
Mus musculus.....	294
Mus alexandrinus.....	48
Total.....	1,743
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1,107
Rats found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0
Total number of rats found infected to date.....	398

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, Octob 26, 1909.

Last case of rodent plague: Found, December 1, 1908.

Week ended November 27.

Dead inspected.....	27
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	2
Rats found dead.....	27
Rats trapped.....	680
Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	670
Mus rattus.....	2
Mus musculus.....	35
Total.....	707
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	672
Rats found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF OAKLAND).

Last case of human plague: Sickened, 2 miles southwest of Sunol, September 24, 1909.

Last case of rodent plague: Found, October 31, 1909.

Week ended November 27.

Dead inspected.....	54
Plague.....	0
Necropsies held.....	2
Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date.....	54
Total number of wood rats found infected to date.....	1

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF POINT RICHMOND).

Last case of human plague: Sickened, July 21, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: Found, September 28, 1909.

Week ended November 27.

Dead inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date.....	240

FRESNO COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Fresno County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	18
Ground squirrels shot.....	280
Ground squirrels found dead.....	36
Chipmunks shot.....	2
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	300
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0
Chipmunks examined bacteriologically.....	2
Chipmunks found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

KERN COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Kern County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	9
Ground squirrels shot.....	86
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	82
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

MERCED COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Merced County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	41
Ground squirrels shot.....	562
Rabbits shot.....	8
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	550
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0
Rabbits examined bacteriologically.....	6
Rabbits found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

MONTEREY COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Monterey County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	44
Ground squirrels shot.....	237
Rabbits shot.....	1
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	230
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0
Rabbits examined bacteriologically.....	1
Rabbits found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in San Joaquin County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	12
Ground squirrels shot.....	83
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	80
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in San Luis Obispo County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	33
Ground squirrels shot.....	234
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	226
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Santa Barbara County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	23
Ground squirrels shot.....	162
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	154
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CAL.

Last case of rodent plague: Found, November 6, 1909.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	18
Ground squirrels shot.....	52
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	50
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0
Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date.....	1

TULARE COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Tulare County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	40
Ground squirrels shot.....	52
Rabbits shot.....	2
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	50
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0
Rabbits examined bacteriologically.....	2
Rabbits found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

VENTURA COUNTY, CAL.

No record of human or rodent plague in Ventura County.

Week ended November 27.

Ranches inspected.....	18
Ground squirrels shot.....	36
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	33
Ground squirrels found infected with <i>B. pestis</i>	0

Smallpox in the United States.

This table includes cases and deaths reported to the Surgeon-General of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service from June 26 to December 17, 1909. For reports received from December 25, 1908, to June 25, 1909, see Public Health Reports for June 25, 1909. In accordance with custom the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Birmingham.....	Nov. 14-20.....	1		
Mobile.....	Oct. 17-23.....	1		
Montgomery.....	Nov. 14-27.....	35		
Total for State.....		37		
California, general.....	Aug. 1-31.....		2	
Berkeley.....	July 25-31.....	1		
Hobart Mills.....	Apr. 1-30.....	1		
Sacramento.....	June 6-Oct. 23.....	2		
San Francisco.....	June 6-Nov. 27.....	4		
Truckee.....	Mar. 23.....	3		
Total for State.....		11	2	
Colorado:				
Adams County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	5		
Boulder County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	8		
Clear Creek County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	1		
Denver County—				
Denver.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	10		
El Paso County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	3		
Fremont County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	13		
Grand County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	1		
Huerfano County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	24		
Larimer County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	4		
Las Animas County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	1		
Mesa County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	20		
Montrose County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	2		
Morgan County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	17		
Otero County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	1		
Pueblo County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	8		
Rio Grande County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	1		
San Miguel County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	4		
Weld County.....	Apr. 1-June 30.....	1		
Total for State.....		124		
Connecticut:				
Bridgeport.....	Oct. 2.....	1		
New Haven.....	May 1-31.....	1		
Stamford.....	Nov. 1-30.....	1		
Total for State.....		3		